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1. SINCE CHARGE HAD BEEN ASKED TO CALL AT MFA JUNE 6 TO MEET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR 6TH DEPT NOVOTNY RE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT. HE BROUGHT UP CANCELLATION OF MAYOR WASHINGTON'S PROPOSED VISIT AND MADE ALL POINTS IN PARA 3 REFTEL. NOVOTNY SAID MFA HAD BEEN INFORMED BY CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY WASHINGTON ABOUT CANCELLATION. CHARGE ADDED HIS PERSONAL NEAPOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE, AND APPRECIATION FOR TIME SPENT ON PROPOSED VISIT BY CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS. (APOLOGY ACCOMPANIED EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FOR EXCELLENT RECEPTION ACCORDED DAVID ROCKEFELLER.) NOVOTNY SAID HE PERSONALLY HAD GONE TO OFFICE OF MAYOR OF PRAGUE AND URGED MAYOR TO AGREE TO PROPOSED DATES OF MAYOR WASHING-TON'S ISIT, EVEN THOUGH DATES CONFLICTED WITH SPARTAKIAD, MAJOR CZECHOSLOVAK GYMNASTIC FESTIVAL; MAYOR OF PRAGUE HAD AGREED UPON NOVOTNY'S PERSONAL ASSUREANCE THAT VISIT WOULD NOT BE POSTPONED AGAIN. NOVOTNY SAID HE PERSONALLY DID NOT FEEL HE COULD GONVDPISND MAKE ANY FURTHER PROMISES, BUT MFA WAS PUTTING MATTERSRSMAYOR FOR HIS DECISION. CHARGE SAID WE APPRECIATED THIS ATTITUDE AND HOPED VISIT WOULD WORK OUT YET. (OUR ONLY COMMENT ON PROPOSED AUGUST DATE IS THAT THIS IS THE TRADITIONAL MONTH OF VACATION EVERYWHERE IN EUROPE, AND WE ARE NOT SURE HOW CONVENIENT IT WOULD BE TO TRY TO RESCHEDULE AT THAT TIME HERE.) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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